

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN

WARRANT FOR THE YEAR 2016

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the St. John the Baptist Parish Hall, 10 School St. Allenstown, N.H. on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. (or, in the event of inclement weather, on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 6 p.m.) for the purpose of transacting all business other than voting by official ballot and thereafter to meet on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the St. John the Baptist Parish Hall, located at 10 School Street in Allenstown N.H., to elect officers, vote on zoning articles and to vote on all warrant articles from the first session by official ballot.

ARTICLE 1

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Town Treasurer, for a term of one (1) year;
Road Agent, for a term of three (3) years;
Select Board Member, for a term of three (3) years;
Sewer Commissioner, for a term of three (3) years;
Trustee of Trust Funds, for a term of three (3) years;
Library Trustee, for a term of two (2) years;
Library Trustee, for a term of three (3) years;
Trustee of Cemeteries Fund, for a term of three (3) years;
Budget Committee Member, for a term of three (3) years;
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Budget Committee Member, for a term of three (3) years;
Budget Committee Member, for a term of two (2) years;
Budget Committee Member, for a term of one (1) year;
Supervisor of the Checklist, for a term of six (6) years;

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Allenstown Planning Board for the Town of Allenstown Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend Article 11, by adding by adding the following language:

To create a new Section 1122, Privately Owned Graveyards, Burial Grounds. To ensure that privately owned burial grounds, as defined by RSA 289:1 are permanently identified and shall not be a threat to public health, establish certain setbacks from wetlands, floodplain, roads/rights-of-way, potable water and property lines; and, that they shall be delineated and that their location shall be recorded on a plan prepared by a licensed surveyor and recorded at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds within a reasonable time following the burial.

Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Allenstown Planning Board for the Town of Allenstown Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend Article 11, by adding the following language:

A new section 1123, Residential Accessory Use to Primary Commercial Use. To authorize the Planning Board to issue Conditional Use Permits, and establish certain standards and processes for such permits, in the Business Zone, the Commercial Light Industrial Zone, and the Industrial Zone for an accessory residential use to a principal commercial use.

Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.3 as proposed by the Allenstown Planning Board for the Town of Allenstown Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend Article XXIV, Groundwater Protection Overlay District, Section VI, by removing reference to the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC) in accordance with Allenstown Town Ordinance CO217.

Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.4 as proposed by the Allenstown Planning Board for the Town of Allenstown Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend Article XXV, Permanent (Post-Construction) Stormwater Management Ordinance, Section III, by re-designating the current paragraph as item "A" and by adding a new subsequent item "B" which indicates that nothing in Article XXV relieves a land owner from complying with applicable provisions, including more stringent provisions, of Allenstown Ordinance CO 217, Regulation of Discharges Into Storm Water Drainage System as it may be amended from time to time.

To amend Article XXV, Permanent (Post-Construction) Stormwater Management Ordinance, Section IV.A by adding a new item "xiii" that indicates that for projects falling under the jurisdiction of Allenstown Ordinance CO 217, Regulation of Discharges Into Storm Water Drainage System as it may be amended from time to time, any additional SWPPP provisions found in CO 217 shall also be included in the SWPPP used to comply with the provisions of this Article.

To amend Article XXV, Permanent (Post-Construction) Stormwater Management Ordinance, Section V.G.2 as follows (~~striketrough~~ text removed, underlined added, all other text is existing and shall not be changed):

In addition to implementation of BMPs for designing site-specific stormwater management controls, uses included under subsection G.1 shall provide a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP, see ~~margin note~~ Section IV of this Article), describing methods for source reduction and methods for pretreatment.

Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 6 Town Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Allenstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$3,885,825** Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$3,885,957**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Allenstown or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a

revised operating budget only. Estimated tax impact is approximately \$0.13 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value.

NOTE: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 7 Sewer Operating Budget

(THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT IMPACT THE TAX RATE) Shall the Town of Allenstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the Allenstown Sewer Commission, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$2,126,967**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$2,136,550**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Allenstown or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

NOTE: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 8 Fire Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

(THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT IMPACT THE TAX RATE) To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000** to be added to the Fire Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 9 Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

(THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT IMPACT THE TAX RATE) To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$32,000** to be added to the Highway

Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 10 Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund

(THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT IMPACT THE TAX RATE) To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** to be added to the Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 11 Town Hall Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund

(THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT IMPACT THE TAX RATE) To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** to be added to the Town Hall Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 12 Solar Energy Systems Tax Exemption

To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:63, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with a solar energy system as defined by RSA 72:61, provided that such solar energy systems are primarily intended for the generation of power to be consumed at the site where such solar energy systems are located or for other sites owned by the taxpayer or related entities. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of the qualifying solar energy systems. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 13-By Petition

To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to combine the position of Town Clerk and Tax Collector as authorized by the State of New Hampshire in RSA 41:45-a, to one elected three (3) year term. The new combined position shall receive full health, dental and retirement benefits and receive a reduced yearly salary of \$43,000 (fourty-three thousand), not to be increased except by the approval of the voters. Effective at the March elections in 2017. This article proposed by the current Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 14-By Petition

To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to increase the Board of Selectmen Board from a three (3) member board to a five (5) member board as authorized by the State of New Hampshire in RSA 41:8-b through RSA 41:8-c. Effective at the 2017 Town election.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 15-By Petition

“To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to adopt a Town policy where such policy shall mandate the Board of Selectmen to seek Town Approval to create any New Staffing Position for all Town Departments and to seek authorization to add the expenditure line to fund such position, said policy shall take effect upon adoption”

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEALS, on this 18th day of January in the Year 2016.

TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
SELECT BOARD

Jeffrey Gryval 1-18-16
JEFFREY GRYVAL, Chairman

JASON TARDIFF, Selectmen

Kate A. Walker
KATE WALKER, Selectmen

ATTEST:

Kathleen Rogers
KATHLEEN ROGERS, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 19th day of January in the Year 2016, we caused a true copy of the within Warrant to be posted at the Allenstown Town Hall located at 16 School Street, the Allenstown Police Department, located at 40 Allenstown Road, and the Town of Allenstown website www.allenstownnh.gov , Merrimack County, New Hampshire.

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Jeffrey Gryval
JEFFREY GRYVAL, ~~Selectmen~~ *CHAIRMAN*

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